

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing dynamically shared documents, comprising:
 - a hub, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network; and
 - a plurality of computing devices in physical proximity with the hub; wherein
 - each of the plurality of computing devices communicates with the hub via only a wireless connection;
 - the hub receives and retransmits requested documents between selected computing devices of the plurality of computing devices;
 - each of the plurality of computing devices translates each requested document into a system independent language prior to transmitting the requested document to the hub; and
 - each of the plurality of computing devices translates each received document from the hub.
2. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the system independent language is a Java based language.
3. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the system independent language is an extensible markup language.
4. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the hub is portable.
5. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of computing devices is a personal digital assistant.
6. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of computing devices is a laptop computer.

7. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of computing devices is portable.
8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein transmissions between each of the plurality of computing devices and the hub are encrypted.
9. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein transmissions between each of the plurality of computing devices and the hub are infrared transmissions.
10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein transmissions between each of the plurality of computing devices and the hub are radio frequency transmissions.
11. (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system for retrieving documents from other data processing systems, comprising the steps of:
 - sending, from a first data processing system, a request, in a system independent language, for a shared document from a second data processing system to a hub in close proximity to the first and second data processing systems via only a wireless communication signal, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network;
 - receiving, from the hub, via only the wireless communication link, the shared document, formatted in the system independent language; and
 - translating the shared document from the system independent language into a first data processing system preferred data format for presentation to a user.
12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the strength of the wireless communication signal is such that only devices in close proximity with each other may receive the signal, thus ensuring that only authorized recipients receive information conveyed via the wireless communication signal.
13. (Original) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the system independent language is an extensible markup language.

14. (Original) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the system independent language is JAVA.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in computer readable media for use in a data processing system for retrieving documents from other data processing systems, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for sending, from a first data processing system, a request, in a system independent language, for a shared document from a second data processing system to a hub in close proximity to the first and second data processing systems via only a wireless communication signal, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network;

second instructions for receiving, from the hub, via only the wireless communication link, the shared document, formatted in the system independent language; and

third instructions for translating the shared document from the system independent language into a first data processing system preferred data format for presentation to a user.

16. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the strength of the wireless communication signal is such that only devices in close proximity with each other may receive the signal, thus ensuring that only authorized recipients receive information conveyed via the wireless communication signal.

17. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the system independent language is an extensible markup language.

18. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the system independent language is JAVA.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for retrieving documents from other data processing systems, comprising:

means for sending, from a first data processing system, a request, in a system independent language, for a shared document from a second data processing system to a hub in close proximity to the first and second data processing systems via only a wireless communication signal, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network;

means for receiving, from the hub, via only the wireless communication link, the shared document, formatted in the system independent language; and

means for translating the shared document from the system independent language into a first data processing system preferred data format for presentation to a user.

20. (Original) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the strength of the wireless communication signal is such that only devices in close proximity with each other may receive the signal, thus ensuring that only authorized recipients receive information conveyed via the wireless communication signal.

21. (Original) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the system independent language is an extensible markup language.

22. (Original) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the system independent language is JAVA.

23. (Previously presented) A method in a data processing system for facilitating communications between a plurality of other data processing systems, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request in a system independent format from a first data processing system via only a wireless communication link;

broadcasting the request to a second data processing system via only the wireless communication link;

receiving an answer in a system independent format from the second data processing system via only the wireless communication link; and

broadcasting the answer to the first data processing system via only the wireless communication link.

24. (Original) The method as recited in claim 23, wherein the wireless communication link utilizes infrared frequencies.

25. (Previously presented) A computer program product in a computer readable media for use in a data processing system for facilitating communications between a plurality of other data processing systems, the computer program product comprising:

- first instructions for receiving a request in a system independent format from a first data processing system via only a wireless communication link;
- second instructions for broadcasting the request to a second data processing system via only the wireless communication link;
- third instructions for receiving an answer in a system independent format from the second data processing system via only the wireless communication link; and
- fourth instructions for broadcasting the answer to the first data processing system via only the wireless communication link.

26. (Original) The computer program product as recited in claim 25, wherein the wireless communication link utilizes infrared frequencies.

27. (Previously presented) A system in a data processing system for facilitating communications between a plurality of other data processing systems, comprising:

- means for receiving a request in a system independent format from a first data processing system via only a wireless communication link;
- means for broadcasting the request to a second data processing system via only the wireless communication link;
- means for receiving an answer in a system independent format from the second data processing system via only the wireless communication link; and
- means for broadcasting the answer to the first data processing system via only the wireless communication link.

28. (Original) The system as recited in claim 27, wherein the wireless communication link utilizes infrared frequencies.

29. (Previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the hub is a wireless hub which communicates with computing devices via only wireless communication links.